

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~Ro-scutt~~ which is to be arranged in a rear portion of a boat sculling oar to generate a thrust force of the a boat by an operation by an operator from side to side, the ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar comprising:

a scull arm operated by an operator; and

a Ro-blade scull blade which has a flat part, ~~one end of the Ro-blade being to be located under a water surface; and~~ extending substantially perpendicular to a water surface when the sculling oar is attached to the boat;

wherein the scull blade is joined to the scull arm such that the scull arm is positioned above a rotation axis of the scull blade.

~~a Ro-arm which is provided at the other end of the Ro-blade and which is arranged in a position where the Ro-blade is operated in a configuration having a basic position where the flat part becomes perpendicular to the water surface.~~

2-3. (CANCELLED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the ~~Ro-arm~~ scull arm and the ~~Ro-blade~~ scull blade ~~come to a standstill~~ are joined at a position ~~where the Ro-arm and the Ro-blade~~ to form a V-shape with respect to the water surface.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the ~~oblique angle between the Ro-scutt and the Ro-blade~~ ranges from scull arm and the scull blade are joined such that the scull arm forms an angle of seven degrees to ten degrees with respect to the scull blade ~~when the Ro-arm and the Ro-blade are attached.~~

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim [[7]] 1, wherein a front edge of the flat part of the ~~Ro-scutt~~ scull blade is thicker than a rear edge of the flat part of the scull blade, and the front edge is always positioned on an advancing direction side with respect to the rear edge when the operator operates the ~~Ro-arm~~ scull arm.

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim [[9]] 1, wherein an area near a part where the scull arm and the scull blade are joined has the different shape is a round shape.

11-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim [[7]] 1, wherein ~~the Ro-arm is joined to the Ro-blade at one end thereof where the Ro-arm is not joined and at a lower surface of the Ro-arm, and one end of the Ro-arm~~ scull arm is joined to a ~~Ro-handle~~ scull handle for attaching thereto a ~~Hayao~~ rope fixed to the boat.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the ~~Ro-blade~~ scull blade is joined to a connection part near a distal end portion ~~and at one end not joined to the Ro-blade~~ scull blade, and the connection part is joined to a fin parallel to the flat part of the ~~Ro-blade~~ scull blade.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim 14, wherein the fin is positioned above the ~~Ro-blade~~ scull blade.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim 14, wherein an angle  $\alpha$  formed by an extension line of the fin and an extension line of the ~~Ro-blade~~ scull blade ranges from about 40 degrees to about 60 degrees.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~Ro-scutt~~ sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the material of the ~~Ro-blade~~ scull blade is any one of wood, FRP, carbon fiber, and light metal.

18. (NEW) The sculling oar according to claim 15, wherein an angle  $\alpha$  formed by an extension line of the fin and an extension line of the scull blade ranges from about 40 degrees to about 60 degrees.